

**REMARKS**

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

Claims 1-14 and 16-24 are currently pending. Claim 15 is hereby cancelled and claims 1, 7-8, 10-14, and 16-20 are currently amended, without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter deleted therein. New claims 21-24 have been added and find support in the original claims as filed and the Specification. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-14 and 16-24.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-14 and 16-24 be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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